

Our Chicago Letter.

Cook County Teachers Society.—Something new in the Begging Line.—Chicago has an honest working majority in the Council.—"All Cohens Looked Alike to Me."—"Conundrum Sociable."—"Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush."

(Correspondence of the CALEDONIAN.)

Three hundred teachers of the Cook County Teachers' Society are banded together with the members of the Audubon Society of Illinois and will engage in polite warfare for the preservation of the lives of birds and the humane instincts of their pupils. Hereafter the teachers propose to take up the subject of bird preservation in the classroom and carry on a crusade against thoughtless, wanton or mercenary slaughter of birds. In one of the towns, all the schools observe a "Bird day," and it is proposed to make such a day general throughout the schools.

It must be a matter of great satisfaction to those interested in the protection of birds, to observe the head-gear for spring. Very few hats and bonnets, which have come under my observation, are decorated with feathered creatures. They are exceedingly beautiful however, being veritable flower gardens. Everything in ladies wear is beautiful, for that matter. Bright solid colors pervade everything in dress goods. The store windows are resplendent as they are tastefully decked out from day to day.

I have found something new in the begging line. On a prominent street corner an aged woman with horrid sightless eyes, reads aloud from a book with raised letters. A crowd always gathers around her and many coppers drop into her cup from the sympathetic passers by.

A local gallery is advertising by means of a still-walker. With the addition to his limbs (which are encased in trousers) he must be twenty-five feet high and can readily look into second story windows. He walks gracefully and carries a tripod and camera suitable to his length. Halting occasionally, he makes a great bluff at taking pictures.

Word has come from Washington to Governor Tanner that the Illinois troops will be the first called to the front. Hence there is great activity in local military circles. Although the city papers are very patriotic in tone, they are about evenly divided in their approval of the message and the President's course as a whole.

For the first time in many years—if not the only time in its history—Chicago has an honest working majority in the council. Powers has been re-elected, but his hands are tied. The papers seem to think that the transit companies will be forced to pay tribute where tribute is due from now on, and that the city will be a great gainer in revenue. It is time: honest citizens have had the greatest difficulty in getting the most innocent measures presented without being black-mailed. Just now the Municipal Voters League and their fellow-workers for reform, are congratulating themselves and the city on the result. They have a right to be elated, but they do not propose to stop here. They will examine and pass judgment upon every candidate from this county who aspires to the state legislature. Jane Adams will not at once remove from Powers' ward. A friend has just given her \$12,000 for a new club house—to be occupied by one of the Hull House societies. It will be built at once.

"All Cohens looked alike to me," until yesterday, when I ran across a new species, or, at least one which was new to me. We all know of the persistency of the Baxter street clothing dealer who stands in front of his store and almost forces the passer by to enter, but did you ever hear of a meat dealer using the same tactics? There is a butcher shop on a street corner a little remote from the pushing throng, the proprietor of which is a Hebrew. He is not content to wait for trade. He goes after it. You will find him in front of his store and he is apt to greet you something like this: "Kood morning, I haf a few tenderloins steak you would like to examine. Sheap? Yes! Bleas stepin. It's fine!" and he will rub his hands in a characteristic way. He pockets a great many dollars, too, as I learned by observing the man. He believes in advertising as may be judged from the many signs done with a marking brush on brown paper, which hang in his window. Here are some: "Supp meat, (soup meat) 1 Pickle for 1 cent, Ducks, (ducks) Békene, (bacon) Geeses, Lage of Mudton, (leg of mutton) Kabbitchies, (cabbages).

Shipments of grain by water and rail from Chicago have been heavier this week than at any time in the history of the city. The lake lines have taken out upwards of 8,000,000 bushels, and the railroads 100,000 tons of freight.

A prominent church society gave a "conundrum sociable" recently at which the dinner was a puzzle. One ordered from the bill of fare, "Things without end" and "Friends in Need." Hereafter two doughnuts and some toothpicks. The menu in part was: "Fruit of the vine, Boston's pride, a dead beat, cow tips, old maid's comfort, sliced sweetness, salmon-keeper's dread, perpetual motion, what caused man's downfall, what is bettered by smoking." With what do you suppose I would have been served had I ordered the whole bill?

A neighboring paper is very anxious for another circus to come to town. When the last one was there a local merchant advertised on the elephant's blanket. The editor is hoping for another show, so that he may know if that merchant is still alive and doing business at the old stand.

Great interest has been displayed by theatre-goers in the production of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," the initial performance of which was given last

evening. A trial performance had been given in Washington after which the play was withdrawn for the purpose of revision. It was presented last night in its revised form after two weeks of careful rehearsal by the company. The public judgment is that it needs still more revision. Those who have never read and appreciated the different books from which this play is drawn, will probably enjoy it much more than men and women who have a familiar appreciation of Ian Maclaren's stories. It is fortunate also that the play-going public was informed beforehand that Dr. Watson approved of the dramatic use to which his characters were put, else they might regret the freedom with which miracles are worked—such miracles as could scarcely be believed by his admirers had they appeared in the Dramatist's Bible. The play as a whole does not bear a very striking resemblance to the stories from which it is taken. Characters and incidents are used from "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," "The Days of Auld Lang Syne" and "Kate Carnegie." They are connected by narrative threads of a foreign and somewhat improbable nature, very inferior in thought and language to the inspired work of Ian Maclaren. It was noticeable that wherever the dialogue was by Maclaren the play was bright, but when it was the work of the dramatists, it was dull and worse than commonplace.

The play has to do chiefly with the humiliation of Lachlan Campbell and the flight and return of Flora. Dread of a marriage with a melodramatic villain drives her from home; for she is engaged to be married to Lord Hay whom she deeply loves. She goes to London and is found by old Dr. McClure in the neighborhood of Westminster Abbey. Though sick, he gives no heed to her physical condition until she is safely in her home in the Glen. He then makes his famous ride for the London physician.

Mr. Stoddard (Lachlan Campbell) is magnificent. He is the whole piece and saves the whole performance. He is himself Scotch and so can make the part more lifelike both as to dialect and the spirit. For many years he has been considered the greatest of character actors, and is now almost the last of the old school of which Jefferson is a type. His present work is pronounced the triumph of a glorious career. One of the critics commenting rather severely on the play this morning, says: "If Maclaren could behold this revelation of his own superb work, Stoddard's noble art might recompense the poet-humorist for the fustian thrust upon his gentle savages of the Glen."

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A Townsman Who Made History.

E. F. Brown has received a letter from his nephew, Arthur Knapp of Boston, which contains a copy of a letter written Mr. Knapp by his old playmate, Johnathan Barker Pierce. Older readers of the CALEDONIAN will remember Mr. Pierce "as a little white-headed boy living up near the West place, above Fairbanks village." His father, Charles Pierce, moved West before the war broke out and the letter published below was dated June 1, 1860. Concerning this letter Mr. Knapp writes, "It was written by a boy of 19, who in another letter tells me he had not entered a schoolhouse since he was 13 years old. On the strength of his acquaintance with Mr. Lincoln he was appointed telegrapher in the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, and in all its wanderings, and under all its commanders, from first to last, did faithful service and is repeatedly mentioned in the history of the telegraph service of the civil war. I have copied the extract as I know it would interest you and perhaps others who may remember his family. When every least incident relating to our martyred Lincoln is eagerly sought for and recorded, it should not be forgotten that it was a St. Johnsbury boy who first notified him of his nomination and congratulated him as the next president."

And here follows the extract from Mr. Pierce's letter to Mr. Knapp: "I stood in Galena eight weeks and then posted off, via Illinois Central & Chicago, Alton & St. Louis railroad, for Springfield, Ill. I was there about a month and had the very distinguished honor to be the first one who announced and congratulated Old Abe on his nomination. During the convention week Mr. Lincoln was in our office nearly all the time, I got intimately acquainted with him. He is one of the freest and most plain spoken men I ever saw. I send you his autograph, together with the name of that dirt eating partizan of the name of John A. McClelland, representative of the 5th and 6th congressional districts of Illinois. "Politics run rather high in the state of the little joker and Old Abe (our next president). I think Douglas stock is on the decline. It began to decline after he wasn't nominated at the Charleston hubbub, and the last scene of the drama will be concluded at Baltimore. "The curtain will drop, the foot-lights go out, and Stephen A. Douglas will be remembered among the things that were."

"Let the mouth of America take warning at the fate of this champion of squatter sovereignty, and never try to fill a place they are too small for."

"I won't have a vote for two long years, am sorry I can't help Old Abe, but no use to cry for it. But the first vote I do cast will be for free labor and free speech, for the suppression of that infernal traffic, the slave trade and for the annihilation of slavery. I may be what some would call an abolitionist, but I do believe that a negro has a better right to himself than any one else has to him. I also believe slavery to be wrong, and a wrong ought not to exist under any circumstances. The great point Mr. Douglas harps upon is 'We don't cure down.' I say a man who declares this to be his own sentiment shows no regard for the future welfare of his country, shows no sympathy for that down-trodden and down cast race, and deserves to be classed with such men as Benedict Arnold."

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Privateering Defined.

The Republican is requested to explain once more what a privateer is. It is a ship owned and manned by private persons, but specially empowered by a state, to wage war against that state's enemy at sea. The commissions from a government granting this war power to private vessels are called letters of marque. Privateers are generally too light in their armament, for they are equipped at private expense, to fight war ships of a regular navy, and they confine their operations almost exclusively to capturing the enemy's defenseless merchantmen. Privateering is generally conducted for the money there is in it, since when an enemy's ship and cargo are captured they become very largely the property of the privateersmen. As privateering is a war simply on commerce, and easily degenerates into sheer piracy, the interests of the commercial world have demanded its extinction and it has become substantially extinct. In the Declaration of Paris of 1856 England, Russia, France, Prussia, Austria and Sardinia (Italy) agreed that "privateering is and remains abolished." The United States never signed the agreement, nor did Spain, but the United States is against privateering, and has already announced that it would not be the president's policy to grant letters of marque in this war. If Spain commissions privateers she will do it in defiance of all the great maritime powers.—[Springfield Republican.]

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The train carrying the third cavalry to the front caused a great deal of excitement. At all stations there were large crowds of people. At Manchester a drum corps and a number of old veterans from the G. A. R. Post were lined up. As the first section of the soldier's train was pulling out of North Bennington, William Howard, who was helping fire the salutes from an anvil bored out for that purpose, met with a serious accident. It had been heavily loaded and taking a red hot iron he stepped almost in front of it and touched it off. The entire charge entered the call of the right leg, tearing it badly. He stooped over, pulled out the wad and then fell to the ground. Fortunately no bones were broken. The physicians think that the limb will be saved.

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News to be Relied Upon.

In such times as these through which the country is passing it is particularly gratifying to read a newspaper whose news can be relied upon as accurate and faithful reports of events and conditions. Conspicuous among such papers is the Boston Journal. Its pithy announcements that "The Boston Journal prints facts" is borne out day by day. Not only that, but it is showing notable enterprise in getting all the news of the time and in so arranging it in the paper that the reader may turn at once to whatever part of the news he may wish first. The daily dispatches from "Coolidge" the Journal's Washington correspondent, and his reviews of the situation as it progresses, have been distinctly able and authoritative. "Coolidge" writes in a very interesting style, bringing out the chief points of the news in a manner such as only a newspaper correspondent trained by long years of experience in the work can do.

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